Barnfield House,

Stoneclough,

Nr. Manchester,

February 11th, 1897.

To the Chairman and Members of the Kearsley District Council.

Gentlemen,

The number of Deaths registered in your District during 1896 was 180, being at the rate of 21·17 per 1,000 per annum, against 18·47 in 1895, and 14·7 in 1894. The highest numbers were 21 and 20 in April and May, and the lowest 9 and 11 in December and February.

Bronchitis and other diseases of the lungs are again the chief causes of death, 37 being due to them, against 28 in 1895, and 17 in 1894; Congenital Debility caused 28, against 18 and 26; Heart Disease, 11 against 5; Measles, 10 against 4; Consumption and Injuries, 7 each, against 15 and 7; Diarrhœa, 6 against 5; Typhoid Fever, 5 against 0; and Whooping Cough, 2 against 4.

The Deaths under one year were 55; 32 between 1 and 5; 12 between 5 and 25; 56 between 25 and 65; and 25 over 65.

The rate for children under one year of age to every 1,000 born in the district was 216·5, against 174·7 in 1895, and 131 in 1894. This is much the highest we have ever had, and as I have before pointed out is chiefly due to improper feeding and to mothers leaving their children when only a few weeks or months old.

The zymotic rate from the seven principal contagious diseases was also high, being 2·8, against 1·8 and 1 in the two previous years. This is chiefly due to the Typhoid Fever which has occured, and about which I gave you a special report last August.

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TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the

to Diseases, Al

Names of Localities.	Mortality from all Causes at subjoined Ages								M			
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Small-pox 1	Scarlatina 2	Diphtheria 3	Membranous 44
Kearsley	180	55	32	5	7	56	25	Under 5	. .	1	. .	.
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an Sanitary District of Kearsley, classified according
and Localities.

FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

Fevers.																
Enteric or Typhoid	Con-tinued	Relaps-ing.	Puer-peral	Cholera	Erysipelas	Measles	Whooping Cough	Diarrhœa and Dysentery	Rheumatic Fever	Influenza.	Phthisis	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy	Heart Disease	Injuries	All other Diseases	Total
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
.	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	6	..	..	..	22	..	1	46	87
5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	15	11	6	47	93

The Births registered during the year were 254—123 male and 131 female—against 309 and 267 in the two previous years. This gives a rate of 29·8 per 1,000, and an excess of births over deaths of only 74. It is much the smallest I have had to report, having always before been over 120, and in 1885, when the population was much smaller, as high as 178.

As you may judge from the above figures, my report for the year can only be considered a poor one, the general death-rate, the zymotic rate, and that of children under one, all showing a considerable rise. They are also considerably above those just given by the Registrar-General for the whole of England and Wales, they being 17·1, 2·18, and 148 respectively. I hope a due consideration of these facts may have more effect than my previous reports in directing your attention to certain reforms which are necessary, and some of which have been almost universally adopted by other districts with satisfactory results. The chief are the providing of Hospital Accommodation, the adoption of the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act, the more regular Emptying of Ashpits, the Sewering and Paving of the Smaller Streets, and the Smoke Nuisance.

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. C. EAMES, M.D.